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**Mail Stop Amendment**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.312

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 2 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the replacement sheet for the new abstract is attached following page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete previous abstract at page 21 and add the following new abstract:

---The electric plug connector is intended to be used especially for explosion-proof areas. It comprises a plug and a socket. The latter includes in a housing a socket insert which, in the inserted condition of the plugs, is supported such that it is rotatable between an off position and an on position. In said socket a locking means is supported such that it is adjustable between a locking position and a release position, said locking means being provided with at least one coding projection which, in the condition in which the plug is inserted in the socket, projects into a complementary coding aperture and releases the locking means, whereupon the socket can be switched from said off position to said on position.---

Attachment following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheet having new abstract (1 page).

REMARKS

The abstract has been amended in response to the Examiner's request. It is believed that entry of this amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.312 because it is made to comport with the Examiner's specific request for a replacement Abstract that is a single paragraph and it addresses a formal matter.

No fee is believed due. Nevertheless, please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ABSTRACT**

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